

# The NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB mag mainsheet

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## A Message from the Editor

This month Mainsheet is a fairly slim edition. The summer is such a busy time for club members that there's not much time for authoring articles (or editing them and adding pictures). Let's hope we have some more reflective articles when summer fades into autumn and the cold, wet depths of winter (this is cheery). At this time of year, sailors are usually fairly active in other outdoor pursuits such as cycling and walking which just adds to the intensity.

Sailing Week and Cadet Week are looming which will absorb even more of our time but let's make the most of our brief summer and throw ourselves full-tilt into them. August's Mainsheet should have some pictures and articles from both events.

As many of you will know, Teresa's has handed-in her notice and her company will no longer be running the Galley at Seaford from the end of September. Should you have the relevant experience (or know someone who does) and are interested in taking the franchise over, either immediately Teresa finishes or some time in the near future after that, then please make yourself known. Write to the Mainsheet editor at the e-mail address below.

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## Federation Cup

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> saw six NSSC boats heading for Hastings to join the Federation Cup and Junior Federation Cup. Juniors included Thomas Harland-Smith (Radial), Ed Rolleston (4.7) and Lewis Gibbs (4.7) with Seniors Alice Smith (Streaker), Rupert & Chris (Fireball) and Jamie & Dave (Dart 18). There seems to have been a glitch in communications, preventing a few more joining us.



The format for the Juniors was two races each for Toppers and an 'All comers' fleet in the morning, with a 60 minute pursuit race in the afternoon. The NSSC lads did a brilliant job in the morning, working the variable and shifty winds. Ed managed a 1,2, Thomas getting a 2,1 and Lewis mid fleet in his first Open. The afternoon Pursuit Race caused more than a little confusion, but Ed was eventually recognised as the convincing winner.

The Senior event was a similar format with Monohull and Catamaran fleets. The very shifty conditions made for tricky racing, with Alice managing to keep all the Radials behind her, but Rupert & Chris had trouble getting past some very well sailed RS 200's. Jamie & Dave on the other hand, managed to get two 1<sup>st</sup> in the Cat fleet. The afternoon 90 minute Pursuit Race was held in brisker and steadier winds, which suited the Fireball much better, taking the lead from the RS200's and a very well sailed Europe with a couple of minutes to spare.

With the racing over, next came the most exciting part of the day – getting ashore at low tide through a 30ft gap in the rocks. Times like that make you appreciate our own shingle beach!

As is traditional at this event, there was a little confusion with results and at time of writing I'm still waiting for the final results. What I think we have is Ed Rolleston 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Overall and 1<sup>st</sup> Pursuit Race. Jamie & Dave 1<sup>st</sup> Overall Catamaran, with Rupert & Chris 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Pursuit Race. We will have the full results on the web as soon as I have a copy!

*Rupert Smith*

# NSSC Shed Hire

To hire the shed at Seaford for boat maintenance, please go to the Email address below.

[bosunshedhire@gmail.com](mailto:bosunshedhire@gmail.com)

**Charge for shed hire will be  
£2.00 / boat /day.**

## Committee Boat Starts

This year we're trying to use Ark as a committee boat for as many races as we can. It makes the best use of our resources and provides the opportunity for a good upwind start. The start sequence for our two fleets is slightly different on the committee boat compared with the sequence from the race-box. Would all race Officers and sailors note that the starts are as follows:

1. From the race-box, the fast fleet start (all lights out with a blast on the horn) is followed by a one minute gap after which the slow fleet five minute signal happens.
2. From the committee boat, the fast fleet start (class flag taken down with a blast of the horn) is also the five minute signal for the slow fleet. So the fast fleet class flag will go down, and the slow fleet flag will be raised at the same time.

## Last call for Sailing Week

The weather has definitely been ordered so all that remains is your presence! Don't forget that Sailing Week is on from Saturday 3rd August until Friday 9th August.

Webcollect is now open to book your camping space and also the Black Tie and Posh Frock carvery on Friday night 9th August. The closing date for this is Tuesday 6th August, so don't forget to book your spaces for what promises to be a great night of celebration, prize giving and a surprise special guest.

Duty man is also now open for sailing week so you can volunteer for a duty or two. The Small Town Rogues are looking forward to meeting all our singers and musicians on Wednesday 7th August, they are not as scary as they look, in fact they are very supportive.

All-in-all Sailing Week 2019 will be one to remember.

Rupert reminds us of the sailing schedule for the week on the next page.

Be there or miss out.

*Noel West, 07766 661066*



## Fund Filled

The club is always looking for external sources of money to fund our activities. Fund raising efforts can range from finding someone to fund new boats to getting money for major projects. Do you have any experience of fund raising? Or do you have any good contacts in fund-raising areas? The club would like to hear from you. Write to the editor at this address: [mainsheetnssc@nssc.org.uk](mailto:mainsheetnssc@nssc.org.uk).



## Sailing Week: Sailing Schedule

With Sailing Week rapidly approaching, here is a brief summary of planned on-the-water events. This week is for everyone, and ideal for beginners, cadets, old fogeys, keen racers and everyone in between. For any first timers or those wanting launching or tuning tips, there will be plenty of experienced sailors around to help & advise.

Saturday 3 August – Set up, build the tent village etc:

- 11.00 Expedition to Cuckmere Haven (dependant on forecast and conditions)

Sunday 4 August:

- 10.30 Class Championships 1&2. Class racing for Laser Radials, Catamarans and menagerie fleets. Other fleet racing for classes with five boats or more.
- 14.00 River Race. De-camp to Piddinghoe for the afternoon, with racing in Toppers, launching from the river bank. Be prompt – we can only sail at the top of the tide.

Monday 5 August: to Thursday 8th August

- 11.00 Len Miller Cup: The original cadet series – Open to anyone under 18 at the start of this year in any class of boat. Crews need to be under 18 as well.
- 11.05 AM Series – Sailing Week 'Lite'. Start of each day for those over 18 who don't want their racing too serious first thing in the morning.
- 14.00 Starters Salver – The main series (2 races per day) of the week for all classes, including cadets. Separate starts for Catamarans and Monohulls, with overall main prizes for fast and slow fleets.

Friday 9 August: 'Super Friday'. This is a one day mini-series within the Starters Salver, designed for those poor souls who can only get one day off work this week:

- 11.00 Starters Salver 9&10
- 14.00 Starters Salver 11

Prize Giving.

Saturday 10 August: Recovery!

Sunday 11 August: Class Championships 3&4

Although perfect sunny weather with moderate offshore winds has been ordered for the week, in the unlikely event that the beach is unfriendly to launch from, impromptu events will be held at Piddinghoe.

Here's looking forward to a beach full of boats and a camp site full of tents.

*Rupert Smith*



## Discerning Discount

Members (including the family of those with family memberships) get a 20% discount at the Galley. Please note that the discount does not apply to non-members in your party for whom you are ordering food and drink. When ordering, please make it clear what items in your order are eligible for the discount.

**20% off**

## Boat Cover

It's worth reminding everyone that members' boats need to have insurance. One of our byelaws says that the insurance must include cover for at least £2M of third party liability. This applies to anyone who has a boat in a club berth, or brings a boat onto our sites, or races. It's there to ensure that costs are covered if your boat damages or injures third parties.



## Queen Bea



Well done Bea West, 3rd girl at the Medway Optimist Open, which is part of the IOCA South East Traveller Series.



## Cadets' Space

Our 10 week cadet programme has concluded (on the 16<sup>th</sup> July) engaging 86 children age 6 – 18 through a busy sailing programme:

- The youngest took part in a water confidence programme of games and experiences to enable them to be safe around unfamiliar water. They called themselves the Pesky Anemones and were supported by the amazing Ashley, Emily, Nick and Jojo
- The beginner Optimist group were introduced to sailing, taming their own boat on simple courses finishing up as mostly independent sailing children
- The intermediate optimist group lead by Anna and Noel dealt with the more challenging aspects of sailing theory to develop their skills and confidence on tricky courses
- Our optimist race squad tuned up their racing skills each week with Duncan and Simon driving the children on to understand racing tactics and tap into that competitive streak
- The Intermediate topper group were coached by Terry building their resilience in the bigger single handers
- Race Toppers with Zoe and Mike worked the race group through physical and mental drills making them a real force to be reckoned with.



The once grumpy bosun became our happy bosun turning around our vast fleet of dinghies and supporting the parents and children with rigging and de-rigging best practice.



Each evening the children were served a cadet dinner from the galley where a team of volunteers prepared the meal from the tiny household cooker, served teas coffee and snacks which were well received by everyone.

Our unsung volunteer heroes need acknowledgement for:

- Rigging and de-rigging powerboats
- Sweeping and mopping the changing rooms



- Helming boats for confidence building sessions
- Packing away equipment
- Catching boats as the fleets return
- Laying courses
- The big race officer teams

There has been a real community spirit that has brought 86 children and their parents together for ten Tuesday evenings which I'm sure is just the start of an ever growing successful part of Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club.

If you are keen to stay in touch with what is going on with the NSSC cadets download the 'Heja' app and join the team using the code FB-240074.

Next comes cadet week 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Aug which is filling up quickly. If you are club members keen to get involved as instructors, parents helper or cadets please do drop me a message [cadetsnssc@nssc.org.uk](mailto:cadetsnssc@nssc.org.uk). Bookings can be made on Webcollect in the cadet section.

*Andy Hamilton*  
*Cadet Coordinator*

(thanks to Nick  
Blackburn for the  
pictures)



## Code Of Social Conduct

A few editions ago I published the Social Code of Conduct for the club. This has now been added to the byelaws and is viewable on the website here: <http://www.nssc.org.uk/nsscdocs/procedures/byelaws/Byelaws2019.pdf> . To remind you of the contents, here is the code:

*The aim of the NSSC is to provide its members and families with first class facilities and services for social and recreational enjoyment. In order for the club and its staff to deliver against this purpose, it is important that members understand their responsibilities and adhere to the following code of conduct.*

- 1. Alcohol will only be sold to members or guests for the consumption on the premises during opening hours.*
- 2. Full member can sign in any visiting member as a guest not more than four times in a calendar year. Under the terms of the licencing laws, a club member must sign non-members wishing to purchase alcohol, into the guest book. The guest book is available from the bar staff.*
- 3. No non-member is allowed to visit the clubhouse more than four times per year, except with the permission of the board.*
- 4. The sale and consumption of alcohol will comply with the Licensing Act.*
- 5. The bar must be cleared 20 minutes after closing times and club premises 30 minutes after closing. If an extension has been granted for a function, all drinks must be cleared within 20 minutes and the premises cleared one hour after the time of the extension. Any variation of the hours, when agreed by the board will be published.*
- 6. Members must pay their account before leaving the club and credit shall not be allowed beyond the length of the visit.*
- 7. It is the responsibility of the bar management to vary opening hours within the conditions of the Licensing Act and any contract they might have with NSSC.*
- 8. The bar and galley serving areas are out of bounds to members or visitors unless authorised.*
- 9. No member or guest may purchase or attempt to purchase any alcohol if under the age of 18 years or on behalf of anyone else who is under the age of 18 years. However, 16 – 17 years old may consume beer, cider and wine purchased by a member aged over 18 years to drink with a table meal and whilst accompanied and supervised by an adult member.*
- 10. NSSC / Galley Staff are instructed to refuse to sell alcohol to (or for consumption by) any member or guest, who in their opinion appears to be intoxicated or under the age of 18 years.*
- 11. The Commodore or any other person who has received the authority of the board may expel temporarily or permanently any person whose behaviour is bringing the club into disrepute due to the consumption of alcohol or drugs.*
- 12. The NSSC has a zero-tolerance approach to the abuse of alcohol or drugs within the boundaries of the club. Any activity considered to bring NSSC into disrepute following the consumption of alcohol or use of drugs will be reviewed by the board and could lead to dismissal from NSSC (e.g. behaviour which is considered to be drunk and disorderly by staff or contributing to the offence of drink driving).*
- 13. Any member or visitor found breaching this code would be reported to the board. The board has the right to review any complaint made against the member or guest and terminate any membership or / and refuse any further admission or use of club facilities.*

## Sailhaven Project

Fred Laloux (a member of NSSC) is part of a project to renovate a yacht in Newhaven and use it as a community resource. You can find out more about their aims here: <https://www.sailhaven.org/> . Here is Fred's June update on progress:

- The coach roof is back to bare wood. Leaks and cracks have been filled and it's ready for varnishing. Same goes for the cockpit and most of the inner components.
- Thanks for the generosity of the House project association, Teddy treats, Newhaven town council, Telscombe town council and Veolia we still have about £2500 in the bank. Around £7K is still required though (Rigging (£2000), engine service, sail valeting etc). But we have enough to keep us going for a few months.
- We have some mahogany coming to Newhaven next week so we can start replacing the rotten bits.
- We have a very robust team of volunteers and usually get between 4 and 6 people every Friday so we are making good progress.
- Last Friday we welcomed the Mc Afee team who did their community event with us. These guys worked really hard and did all the prep on the mast. It's looking beautiful now!!



Thanks to the publicity we are getting in social medias but also in the Newhaven magazine, some very experienced skippers have been coming forward to volunteer their time and train people once she is ready. Everything is coming together.

Thinking about next year, my priority is to find a company /association or any other entity who can sponsor us and help with our mooring fees. Sails are large moving billboard so I am confident we have a good value proposition here. If anyone has any idea of who could be interested then please let me know.

Any question just shout – And don't forget to visit us. We are down Lochin boatyard every Friday 9 til 2h30. Call me beforehand if you want to double check 07397381586.